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APPLICANT: R. BRUCE DeMENT, ET AL.  
TITLE: Nozzle for Use in Rotational Casting Apparatus  
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**PETITION GRANTED**

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the above-identified application be made special under the provisions for accelerated examination as set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 708.02-VIII.

A pre-examination search was made by professional searcher, and developed references previously submitted as part of an Information Disclosure Statements.

The field of the search included: Class 239, Subclasses 589, as well as the searching the USPTO computer database.

None of the patents cited in the above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statements, whether taken singly or in combination, anticipates or makes obvious the claims of the present application as set forth in the pending claims, since none of the prior art cited in the Information Disclosure Statements discloses an nozzle having a